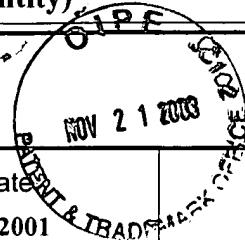


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Large Entity)

Docket No.
NEC 2360

In Re Application Of: ITO



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Invention: METHOD FOR FORMING A SILICIDE LAYER

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of July 16, 2003 above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

- One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: **October 16, 2003**

until: **November 17, 2003**

Date

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The fee for the extension of time is **\$110** and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
 - The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No.
 - If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 08-1391.
 - Payment by PTO-2038 attached hereto.

Dated: November 17, 2003

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